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FAMILY LISTING

A photolisting of approved North Carolina families interested in adopting North Carolina's waiting children

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Dear Adoption Advocate:

This is the most recent edition of the NC Kids Family Listing. These families are interested in adopting children with special needs and have been approved for placement. Please review to determine if any of these families might be a suitable placement resource for children in the custody of your agency. If you think one of these families might be a potential match for one of your children, please call NC Kids at the above number (or download additional copies from <http://www.state.nc.us/dss/proinfo/cw.htm>). NC Kids has copies of each family's preplacement assessment and would be happy to send you a copy. We are available from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

It is our hope that when new families are approved to adopt, you will complete the Family Registration Form (DSS-1821) and send it along with a photograph and a copy of the family's preplacement assessment to the address above so they can be added to the Family Listing. We believe that this is a valuable resource in assisting the children of North Carolina in finding a permanent family.

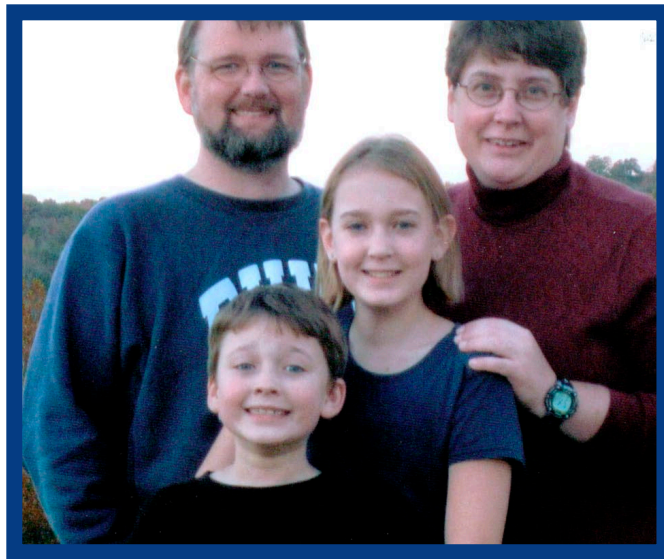
Feel free to circulate this list to all adoption social workers. The Family Listing is updated monthly and can be found at <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/proinfo/cw.htm>.

If you have questions or information to share, please feel free to contact us at 877-625-4371.

Sincerely,
Valerie Kelly-Johnson
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NC KIDS FEATURED FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Meet the Hunter Family...

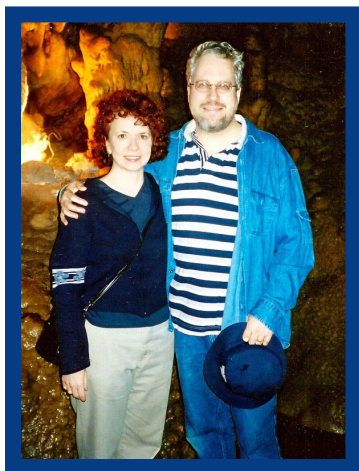


HUNTER
017-26489

Couple
Caucasian

Martin, “Park” Hunter and his wife Anna-Lisa, have always enjoyed the energy of a large family and would like to expand theirs through adoption. Anna-Lisa’s sister adopted a biracial child and close friends adopted a child from foster care, so they are familiar with the needs of adopted children and the dynamics they bring to a family. Anna-Lisa also had experience working with mentally and physically handicapped residents when she was in high school. Along with their two birth children, Anna and Erick, the Hunters prefer to adopt a brother-sister sibling pair of any race between the ages of five and thirteen. They feel capable of loving and successfully parenting children with mild learning, moderate emotional, or up to severe physical challenges. Park will receive his divinity degree soon and is the pastor for two churches.





BREY/WARD
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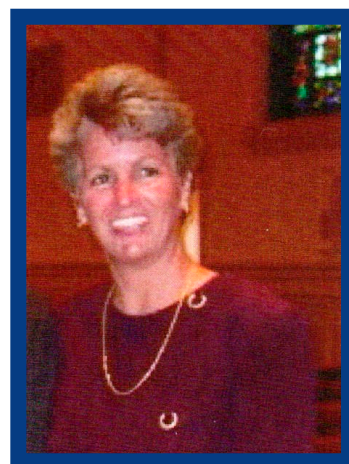
Couple
Caucasian

Steven Brey and Lynda Ward are a highly intelligent, energetic couple. They are both Methodist ministers who are open to insights from other religions. Steven is the pastor at a large nearby church that they attend. Steven and Lynda feel that they have been blessed and would like to share their blessings with a child. They offer security, loyalty, a loving home, and an environment where they can explore who they are and consider opportunities while knowing they have someone to support them if they make mistakes. They share their home with five indoor de-clawed cats and a hamster, and are ready to include a child.

BROWN
032-26850

Single
Caucasian

Dr. Kathleen Brown is a professor of education who grew up in a very large family and has an even larger extended family now. She is used to children and caring for them and has decided at last that she would like to welcome one or two into her home permanently. She hopes to adopt one or two boys of any ethnicity between birth and six years of age and is open to mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. She enjoys watching and playing sports, outdoor activities, and trips to the beach. Her golden retriever and old cat also hope to add some younger ones to the family.



BUTNER
041-25230

Couple
Caucasian

The Butner family is blessed with three daughters and now, with one away at college, would like to adopt another one or two children. Vickie and Joey hope to adopt a Caucasian or Caucasian mix boy and/or girl, or sibling group of two, between birth and nine years of age. They are open to children with mild physical challenges and up to moderate emotional or learning challenges. The Butners enjoy church activities, travel, and finding treasures at auctions and flea markets. They have a dog, three cats, and fish in their home.



CALHOON
020-27490

Couple
Caucasian & Cauc/Native American

Ned and Renee' Calhoon have been foster parents and hope to foster-to-adopt a female or female sibling group of two between birth and five years of age. They are open to a variety of ethnic backgrounds including Caucasian, Hispanic, Native American, Hawaiian, or any combination of those races. The Calhoons believe they can successfully love and parent a child with mild to moderate physical or emotional challenges and up to moderate learning challenges. Renee' is legally blind and has a working dog who is also the friendly family dog when his harness is removed. She also practices Sign Language. Ned was an assistant pastor at their church in another state before moving to North Carolina. Their current church is very family oriented and boasts numerous foster and adoptive parents as members.



CASTRO
076-18916

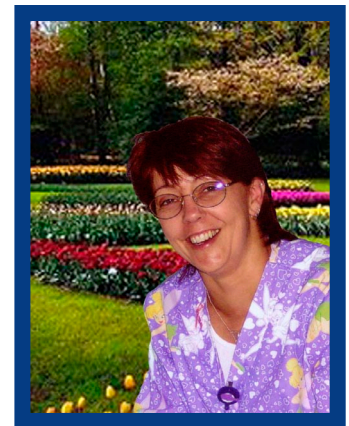
Single
Caucasian

Angel Castro always wanted to move to the United States, so five years ago he left his home and family in Venezuela and moved to North Carolina. He is a school teacher and prepared to foster-to-adopt and love a Caucasian or Hispanic boy or girl up to the age of ten. Angel is open to children with mild to moderate special needs, but as a single parent, he does not feel he could adequately parent a child with severe special needs. He enjoys taking walks, going to the park, and watching movies. His faith is very important to Angel and he will encourage his adoptive child to attend church. Angel's family in Venezuela is very supportive of him adopting a child.

COBB
050-24422

Single
Caucasian

Jill Cobb would like to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl, or possible sibling group of two, between the ages of six and thirteen. Being a paramedic, Jill has some experience and the understanding of trauma, neglect, domestic violence, and substance abuse and the impact they can have on a child. She is currently enrolled in nursing school and combined with being a single parent, does not believe she can adequately parent a child with serious medical issues. Jill feels she can handle a multitude of minor issues such as allergies, asthma, hyperactivity, or minor hearing or visual impairments. She wants more than anything to take things slowly and allow the adoption experience to be a positive one, both for herself and her adoptive child.





CRABTREE
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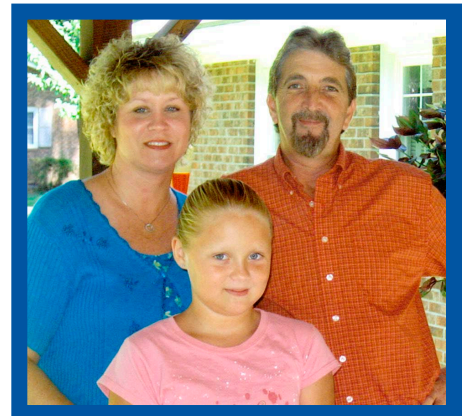
Couple
Caucasian

Dean and Cathy are licensed foster parents who would like to foster-to-adopt from one to four siblings between birth and ten years of age. They are open to a variety of mixed ethnicities and genders. They feel capable of successfully parenting children with mild physical, learning, or mental retardation challenges and possibly moderate emotional challenges. The Crabtree's have two grown birth daughters in college, so they have parenting experience. Young children without severe behavioral concerns are most likely to find safety, consistency, and stability within the Crabtree family's quiet, home-oriented and strict lifestyle. Cathy is a piano teacher who works at home and Dean has recently loosened his work schedule to allow for more time with the children. This is a family that is a "package deal" for all of their foster children and will be so for their adoptive kids, which includes their extended family (Cathy's parents are right next door!) and friends.

DANIELS
074-23855

Couple
Caucasian

Michael and Jennifer, who goes by "Lynn", Daniels would like to increase their family by welcoming in a younger brother or sister for their six-year-old birth daughter. The Daniels family hopes to adopt one child of either sex, from birth to five years of age. They would like a Caucasian child, but are open to Asian or a biracial mix of Caucasian/Asian or Caucasian/Hispanic. They are open to a child with no or mild emotional or learning challenges.



DORNER
041-28150

Couple
Caucasian

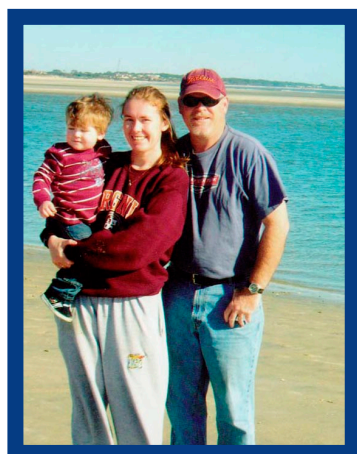
Nadine and Daniel Dorner had begun the process of becoming approved for adoption when they discovered they were pregnant. Knowing they wanted more children, the couple decided to continue. They are excited about becoming first time parents, but feel they have room in their hearts and home for more. The Dorners would like to adopt one or two children of any race and most ethnicities between birth and six years of age. They are open to mild emotional or learning challenges. Nadine and Daniel are a caring couple living in a nice neighborhood who want nothing more than to raise a family.



ELLINGTON
091-22894

Couple
Caucasian

Stephen and Rachel Ellington would like to adopt one or two Caucasian boys or girls (prefer same sex) between birth and nine years of age. They are open to children with mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. The Ellingtons have experience with some special needs through their birth daughter, who is diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder. Medication and patience help her stay focused and maintain acceptable behavior. Rachel Ellington is also a Guardian ad Litem and aware of what they can expect from adopting children through the foster care system. The Ellingtons are licensed foster parents. They enjoy spending time together during meals, vacations, and on weekends. Stephen's mother lives next door and is available to provide child care.



FORTIN
013-26162

Couple
Caucasian

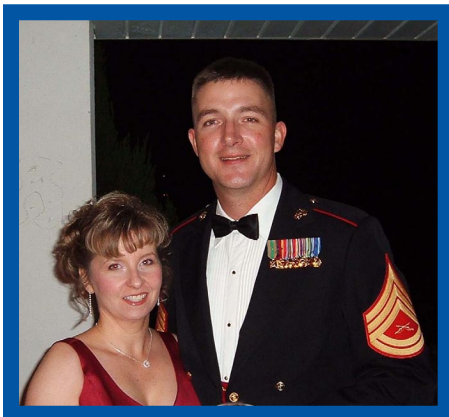
Craig and Kristen have always wanted a family and planned for adoption to be a part of the process for growing their family. They have one birth son who is a toddler. The Fortin's hope to adopt a girl between six and eleven years of age. While they agree that it would be easier for all concerned to adopt a Caucasian child, they are open to any ethnicity. Craig and Kristen feel confident that they can successfully love, nurture, and parent a child with mild physical, emotional, or mental challenges and possible moderate learning challenges. They are both appreciative of having grown up with loving parents who set boundaries and clearly communicated expectations. They enjoy spending time with family and friends camping and participating in a variety of outdoor activities.

FOX
036-25808

Couple
Caucasian

William, who goes by "Curtis," and Patricia Fox have three birth sons and wish to add a Caucasian daughter to their family. They prefer a child between birth and ten-years-old. The Fox's have experience with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder with one of their sons, as well as a hereditary partial hearing loss in all three sons. They believe they can deal with most special needs issues except cruelty to animals, sexually abused, or severely mentally or physically handicapped. The Fox family enjoys spending time together on their "Fox family game nights" and "movie nights", as well as outdoor activities. They are involved in their church activities and feel that faith plays an important role in their lives.





GALARNEAU
054-26839

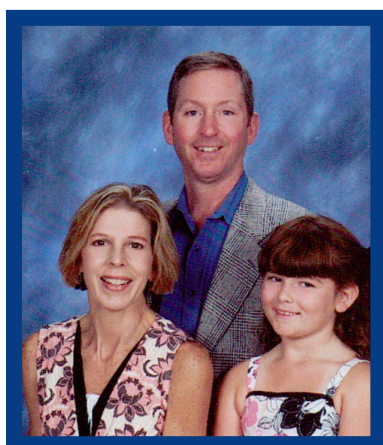
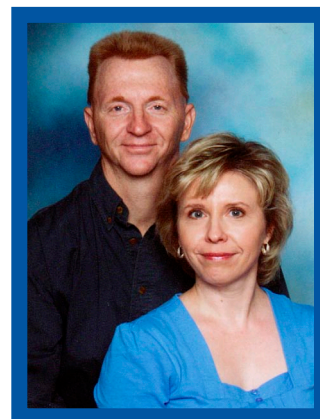
Couple
Caucasian

Tammy and Sean Galarneau would like to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl between birth and six years of age. They are open to mild emotional or learning challenges. Sean is in the Marine Corps and strives to give 100% to everything he does. He is described as quiet, generous, supportive, faithful, and loyal. Tammy is described as a good friend, aunt, wife, and sister. They enjoy traveling when Sean is not deployed.

HAYS
033-20154

Couple
Caucasian

Scott and Kimberly Hays have a strong love for one another and want to open up their hearts and home to a child. They would like to adopt up to four Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, or Hawaiian Native children between birth and twelve years old. The Hays' are open to children with mild physical, emotional, or mental retardation challenges or moderate learning challenges. Scott and Kimberly are very active in their church where she sings in the choir and he helps out with the puppet ministry.



HELM
060-23937

Couple
Caucasian

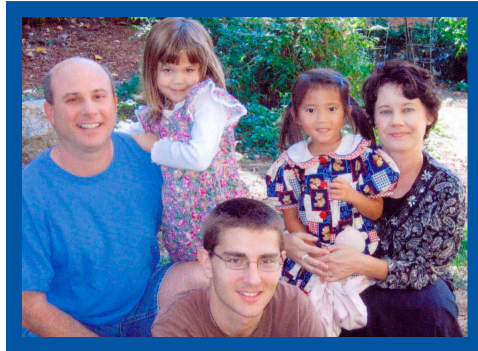
David and Kathy Helm, along with their birth daughter Catherine, hope to add to their family by adopting a legally free boy or sibling group of a male and female from birth to age six. They are open to children of Caucasian, Hispanic, African American, Native American, or biracial ethnicities with minor correctable medical disabilities or mild-to-moderate emotional needs. The Helm family lives near parks and recreation areas and a neighborhood swimming pool. They are very involved with church youth groups and Catherine's school activities. David and Kathy have realistic expectations about the bonding process and adjustment period following placement.



HILTON
043-27486

Couple
Caucasian

Virgil and Wendi Hilton are experienced parents with four birth children between eleven and twenty years of age. They are interested in adopting up to three children, with a preference for at least one girl, between birth and seven years of age. They are open to children of Caucasian, Asian, Native American, African, and Hispanic/Latino heritages. They live in a diverse community and attend a multi-cultural church. Virgil is a nurse and the couple is open to correctable moderate physical problems, moderate learning challenges (experience with their own children), and mild emotional or mental retardation challenges. Wendi is a stay-at-home mom with no plans to return working outside the home.



HOLT
060-3531

Couple
Caucasian

Kenneth and Cameon Holt do not come to adoption without experience. With their oldest child (of three adopted) grown and enlisting in the army, the Holts are ready and eager to adopt another child of any gender or ethnicity between six and twelve years of age. They prefer a healthy child, but are prepared to accept a child with manageable medical or mental health needs. Cameon is a stay-at-home mom who will be home-schooling the children so they can be raised with a Christian education. As a family, they enjoy activities together, being outdoors, and taking a yearly vacation.

IRWIN
092-18954

Couple
Caucasian

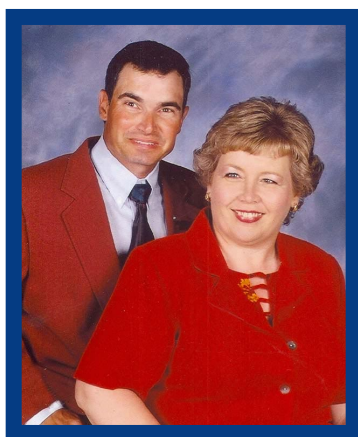
Bob and Laura Irwin have first hand adoption experience, as Laura was adopted at the age of two and Bob was adopted soon after his birth. They are both committed to seeing that their child has every available support in order to make the adoption successful. The Irwins will consider a Caucasian sibling group of up to two children, or a single child, between birth and six years of age. They are open to adopting children with mild to moderate behavioral and emotional needs. Bob and Laura enjoy animals, especially their Akita "Georgie", who is playful, well behaved, and very good with children. They also enjoy swimming, camping, boating, and fishing, and taking trips to the beach and mountains.



IVESTER
034-20142

Single
Caucasian

Sandy Ivester has fostered children for more than 15 years, providing care for special needs children ranging from ADHD to RAD. She has served as president of the Foster Parent's Association and is a Guardian ad Litem and has proven herself to be an advocate for children many times over. Sandy has two grown children and one adopted son and would like to adopt at least one more child. She is open to a sibling group of three and prefers Latin ethnicity, but will consider Caucasian or biracial mix of the two. Sandy is prepared to love, nurture, and parent children with mild physical or mental challenges and up to moderate learning or emotional challenges. She does say that any child placed in her home will need to be able to manage a high energy



JONES
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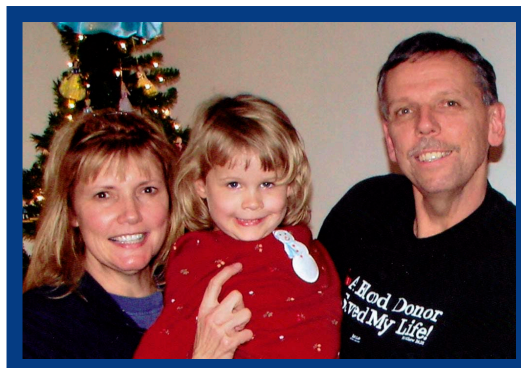
Couple
Caucasian

Mike and Gina Jones are that couple who are so welcoming and relaxed that you immediately feel at home. This even applies to the social workers who, when making visits to their foster children, stay longer than necessary because they enjoy the couple so much. Mike and Gina are licensed foster parents, so they have experience with the special needs of children in foster care. They hope to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl or sibling group of two children, between birth and six years of age. The Jones' are open to children with mild emotional or learning challenges.

KEIBLER
026-23082

Couple
Caucasian

Jim and Tami Keibler are a healthy, emotionally stable, and nurturing couple that is fully committed to the adoption process. Their adult son and five-year-old birth daughter are both fully supportive of the Keibler's adopting one or two girls between birth and nine years of age. They are open to a variety of ethnicities and mild physical or learning challenges or moderate emotional challenges. Jim is a calculus teacher who enjoys refereeing high school basketball games, watching and attending sporting events, and reading. Tami loves to read and likes to take walks, cross-stitch, bake, play the piano, take photographs, and shop.





MANN
026-25526

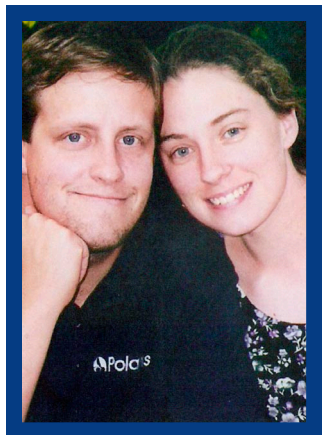
Couple
African American

Anthony and Gloria Mann and their children are a loving close-knit family who desire to add more happiness to their family. They would like to adopt a child or a sibling group of two between birth and eight years of age. There are no gender preferences, but they do prefer an African American or bi-racial child with no more than mild physical, mental, emotional, or learning challenges. The Mann's enjoy family outings such as attending church and taking trips. They also enjoy watching television and conversational time.

MAYA
006-25090

Couple
Caucasian

Chris and Angel, along with their three birth children Braxton, Brealin, and Brynnox, would like to adopt a young girl and a boy (under seven) of any ethnicity. They believe they can successfully parent and happily raise a child with up to moderate physical, emotional, or learning challenges. The Mayas are a very faith-based family who enjoys being involved with their church and having fun. They enjoy visiting nearby family and are constantly on the go with Braxton's sports. The family likes to go hiking near their home in the mountains, and they enjoy swimming and watching movies, as well.



MITCHELL
076-27387

Couple
Caucasian

Mark, who goes by "Adam", and Carrie Mitchell have always planned to adopt a child, rather than giving birth to their own child. They hope to adopt a child between two and five years of age who has been in the foster care system. They will consider a sibling group with one child up to the age of seven. The Mitchells are open to children of Caucasian, Asian, Native American, or Latino descent who might have up to moderate emotional, learning, or mental challenges. They are open to a variety of health issues, ongoing chronic conditions, or surgery. Carrie is a special needs teacher and is experienced working with children with Autism, ADD/ADHD, developmental disabilities, and a variety of learning and conduct disorders. She already employs appropriate discipline techniques and seems prepared to utilize them with her own children. Both Carrie and Adam have completed training specifically about attachment disorder and other challenges of adopting children. Carrie has professional training in how poverty impacts children and is trained in TEACCH.





MCNEILL
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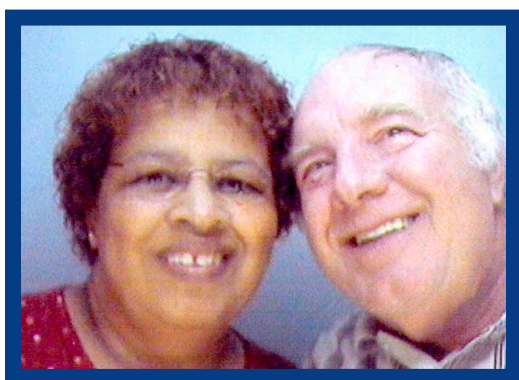
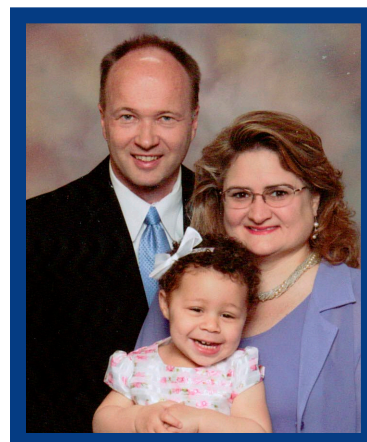
Couple
African American

Roscoe and Maggie McNeill are a lively and active couple. Roscoe works full time during the day, while Maggie works part-time and will be at home to raise their adoptive child. They have parenting experience with one adult child with disabilities who lives next door, and one child with no special needs. Roscoe and Maggie believe they have a lot to offer a child with mild mental, emotional, or medical needs. They hope to adopt a girl of any racial heritage between birth and age six.

NORBERG
090-20002

Couple
Caucasian

Ken and Andrea Norberg are foster parents who have adopted one child and would like to adopt up to three Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, or biracial children from birth to age six. They are open to legal risk placements and will consider older children on an individual basis. They feel capable of parenting children with mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Ken and Andrea are a vivacious couple whose comforting personalities make a stranger feel at ease and welcome in their home. Both are active in their church and church choir and enjoy politics, traveling, gardening, computers, and animals. The Norberg's raise honeybees and have a cat. They have many friends and enjoy socializing and spending time with family and friends.



PARTIN
019-13604

Couple
African American & Caucasian

Elbert and Lynda Partin have each raised two daughters, both now grown with their own families. They would like to adopt a school-aged girl between eight and seventeen years of age. They have no ethnic preferences, but feel they are qualified and eager to adopt a biracial child with very mild challenges. The Partins live on a small farm with lots of animals, including one cat, some fish, and two birds indoors, and goats, turkeys, chickens, roosters and other birds outdoors. The family loves to travel and looks forward to sharing their time-shares with their new family member.

PAWLACZYK
081-27929

Couple
Caucasian

Bill and Deborah Pawlaczyk would like to adopt a Caucasian, Native American, or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander child between birth and nine years of age. They are open to mild physical or moderate emotional or learning challenges, but do not feel comfortable relating to a child who has been sexually abused. Deborah is the manager and owner of a bowling alley and enjoys coaching Little League softball. The Pawlaczyk's have three dogs whom they treat as family members. For fun they enjoy boating and camping.



PITTS
034-9432

Couple
Caucasian

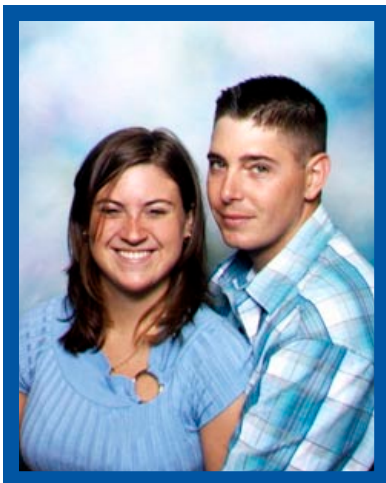
David and Phyllis Pitts are interested in adopting up to two Caucasian, Hispanic, or biracial children between birth and nine years of age. Children with mild special needs (emotional, academic, behavioral, and medical) will be considered. Through her employment as a teacher's assistant, Phyllis interacts with children of all races and socioeconomic backgrounds, as well as those with behavioral issues. The Pitts' are active in their church, their community, and their hobbies. They are licensed foster parents and are open to accepting a legal risk child.

POLAND
041-22686

Couple
Caucasian

West and Martha Poland are a strong faith-based family who believe that through their life's experiences they will be able to provide a loving home to children in need. They are not, however, without a sense of fun or humor. "My husband and I are a lot of fun and are just a cool couple. We love to laugh and enjoy life," quotes Martha. The Poland's hope to adopt a sibling group of two Caucasian boys (will consider girls) between birth and six years of age. They are open to up to moderate physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Upon the finalized adoption, Martha intends to become a stay-at-home mom and, having been a school teacher, she will home school the children.





QUAY
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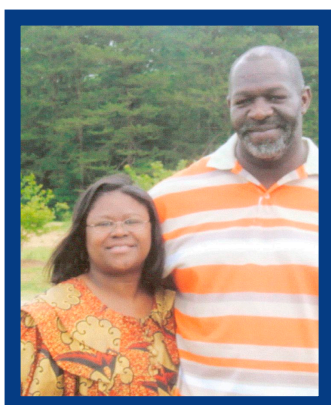
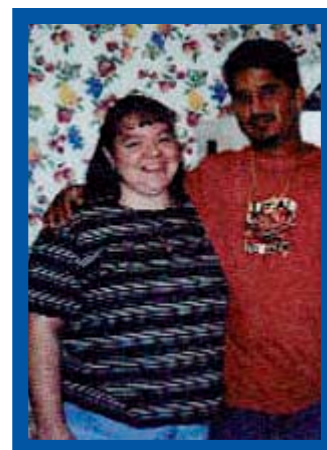
Couple
Caucasian

Kristina's experience as an early childhood educator and helping parent Michael's two birth sons through joint custody gives them the confidence to believe they can adopt and successfully raise up to three more children of any ethnicity from birth to eleven years old. They are open to Caucasian, Hispanic, or Native American ethnicity and possible mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. The Quay family enjoys traveling, camping, jet skiing, riding horses, going to concerts and rodeos, and being around friends.

RODRIGUEZ
042-26337

Couple
Hispanic/Caucasian

David and Kimberly Rodriguez would like to adopt two or three children of any gender or ethnicity between birth and five years of age. They are open to children with mild physical challenges or up to moderate emotional, learning, or mental challenges. David enjoys music and fixing things around the house, while Kimberly likes to read, work, and play video games. They love the idea of finally being able to adopt and raise a child as their own and feel they can provide a child with a good, stable environment.



ROEY
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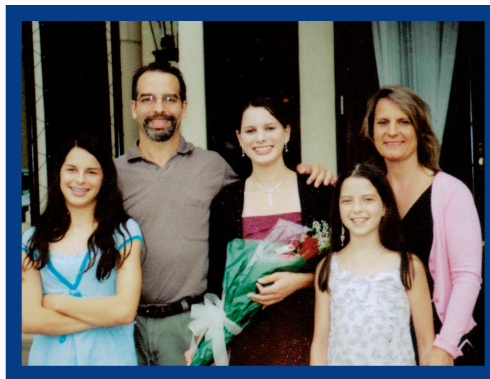
Couple
African American

Ricky and Sharon Roey have experience as foster parents and hope to put that experience to use as adoptive parents. They are a loving, committed couple who would like to adopt two African American or AA/Caucasian children of either gender between the ages of birth and three years. Ricky and Sharon have a strong support system and are open to children with mild emotional, moderate physical, or severe mental challenges. As licensed foster parents, they Roeyes will consider legal risk children for future adoption.

SPANO
060-26311
sian

Couple
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Chris and Pam and their three biological daughters hope to make their family “tighter and stronger” by adopting a Caucasian boy between four and ten years of age. Because of Pam’s background in special education, the Spanos feel comfortable adopting a child with mild to moderate learning challenges. They are open to minor, correctable medical conditions, or mild behavioral or emotional challenges, but because of their active lifestyle, they feel best equipped to parent a child healthy enough to participate with them. The Spanos have appropriate expectations regarding the bonding and adjustment process for all family members and are prepared to provide



WILLIAMS
066-14367

Single
African American

Pamela Williams is a friendly woman with a bubbly personality and a pleasant disposition. She is a licensed foster parent who has experience with behavioral issues, the sexually abused, emotional issues, etc. She is more than willing to learn about a child’s specific special needs and to receive any training necessary to provide the best possible care for the child. Ms. Williams would prefer a healthy child, but she is accepting of some social and behavioral challenges, as well as some learning disabilities. She hopes to adopt a sibling group of two children of any race from infancy to six years. Pamela Williams has a sincere desire to help others and longs to open her heart and home to a child or sibling group.

WINKLEY
063-23395

Couple
Caucasian

James and Jeannine Winkley have three birth children and one adopted child and would like to add a sibling group of two to four more children up to eight years old to their happy home. As their adopted daughter is Hispanic and they would like to have a blended family and would prefer Hispanic children, but are open to other ethnicities. Jeannine home-schools the children and takes them to their various dance classes, gymnastics, and other activities. They are realistic about children that may have special needs and are open to mild learning or physical and/or moderate emotional challenges.



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